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In re Patent Application of:

Kouichi MATSUDA et al.

Serial No: 09/548,213

Group Art Unit: 2838

Confirmation No.

Filed: April 12, 2000

Examiner: TIBBITS, P

For: CONTROL SYSTEM FOR CHARGING BATTERIES AND ELECTRONIC APPARATUS
USING SAME

LETTER TO THE EXAMINER REGARDING APPARENTLY LOST PAPERS

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Sir:

On June 30, 2003, Applicants filed a response to an Ex Parte Quayle Action, mailed January 29, 2003 and having a shortened statutory period for response of two months set to expire March 29, 2003, along with a petition for three months extension of time. It is noted that June 29, 2003 occurred on a Sunday, thus, the response of June 30, 2003 was timely. As of July 28, 2003, the June 30, 2003 response had not been registered on the PAIR system of the USPTO. A copy of a report from the PAIR system dated July 28, 2003 is attached hereto. The history of entries on the PAIR report indicates a time delay of about 3 to 14 days between filing of a paper and forwarding the paper to the Examiner. Since the papers filed on June 30, 2003 have been in the USPTO for more than 27 days and have not yet been noted on the PAIR system as having been received, Applicants believe that the papers may have become lost within the USPTO.

Attached are copies of the papers filed on June 30, 2003, along with a copy of a receipt card stamped June 30, 2003 and bearing the legends **OIPE**, **JC76** and **PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**. The papers filed on July 30, 2003 are as follows:

1. Reply/Amendment Fee Transmittal including a petition for a three month extension of time;
2. Ex Parte Quayle Response and Amendment; and
3. Letter to the Examiner Submitting Corrected And/Or Formal Drawings.

A check for \$930 (extension of time petition fee) was also submitted on June 30, 2003.

If the papers originally filed on July 30, 2003 have become lost, it is respectfully requested that the enclosed copies be entered and forwarded to the Examiner so that this reissue application may proceed.

If the facsimile copies of the drawings are not suitable for printing, please advise and Applicants will provide additional copies by mail.

Respectfully submitted,

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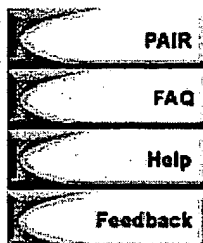
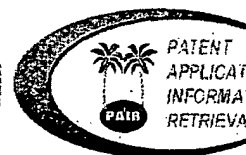
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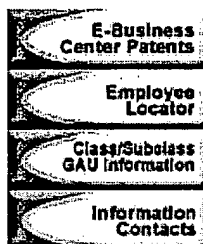
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EX PARTE QUAYLE RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 29, 2003, and having a period for response set to expire on March 29, 2003. A petition for a three-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for the same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to June 29, 2003.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please CANCEL claims 11-34, 89-100 and 133-147 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please AMEND claims 148, 184 and 190 as follows:

148. (ONCE AMENDED) An electronic apparatus connected to an AC adapter which supplies DC power, capable of charging a battery by using power from the AC adapter while making a load operate by using the DC power supplied from the AC adapter, the power given to the load varying based on the state of the load, the electronic apparatus comprising:

a connector which receives the DC power from the AC adapter;

a charger, connected to the battery, which supplies charging power to the battery by using the power from the [connector] connector; and

a charge control circuit which controls the charger to control the charging power the charger supplies to the battery so that a sum of the power applied to the load and the power charged to the battery becomes a value assigned in advance.

184. (ONCE AMENDED) A charge control circuit for an electronic apparatus that has an input section for inputting power from a power source and a charger for charging a battery by using the power from the input section while the electronic apparatus [making] makes a load operate by applying the power input from the input section to the load, an output voltage of the power source being substantially a constant voltage, the output voltage of the power source falling to less than said substantially constant voltage when the power source outputs more than a predetermined current value, the power applied to the load from the input section varying based on the state of the load, the charge control circuit comprising:

a control circuit which controls the charging power the charger supplies to the battery, based on power input information obtained by a power input sensor which obtains the power input information by sensing an input of the power from the input section, so that a sum of the power applied to the load and the power charged to the battery from the input section is substantially in a current range in which said output voltage of the power source is the substantially [the] constant voltage, wherein the control circuit controls [the] a charging voltage the charger supplies to the battery so that [a] the charging voltage detected by a charging voltage detector [which detects the charging voltage of the battery] becomes a value assigned to the battery or lower.

190. (ONCE AMENDED) A charging apparatus for charging a battery for an electronic apparatus that is connected to an AC adapter and that is capable of charging the battery by using current from the [Ac] AC adapter while the electronic apparatus making a load operate by

using DC current supplied from the AC adapter, the current given to the load varying based on the state of the load, the charging apparatus comprising:

a charger, connected to the battery, which supplies charging current to the battery by using the current from a connector that is connected to the AC adapter to receive the DC current from the AC adapter; and

a charger control circuit which controls the charger to control the charging current the charger supplies to the battery so that a sum of the current applied to the load and the current charged to the battery becomes a value assigned in advance.

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-34, 89-112, 118-129 and 133-199 were pending in the application. In accordance with the foregoing, claims 148, 184 and 190 been amended and claims 11-34, 89-100 and 133-147 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Thus, claims 1-10, 101-112, 118-129 and 148-199 are now pending and under consideration.

Drawings:

At page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner noted that drawing informalities noted in paper no. 3, mailed September 19, 2000 required correction. A submission of corrected drawings accompanies this Amendment.

Claim Objections:

At pages 2-4 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 148-183 and 185-199 as being essentially duplicates of certain claims in a group consisting of claims 11-34, 89-100 and 133-147. The Examiner also objected to claims 184 and 190 because of informalities. Claims 11-34, 89-100 and 133-147 have been canceled and claims 184 and 190 have been amended to correct the informalities. Claims 148-199 are now deemed allowable.

Regarding claim 184, Applicants did not clearly understand the intent of paragraph 2t at page 3 of the Office Action, however, claim 184 has been amended as set forth above to correct informalities noted by the Applicants. The above changes are believed to appropriately clarify claim 184.

Claim 190 has been amended to change "Ac" to --AC-- one place.

Other Claim Amendments:

Claim 148 has been amended to improve form.

Summary:

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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In accordance with the requirement in Paper No. 19, mailed January 19, 2003, wherein the Examiner required that corrected and/or formal s be filed responsive to the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review included as a part of paper no. 4 mailed September 19, 2000, applicants submit herewith 15 sheets of corrected and/or formal s for filing in the subject application.

It is respectfully requested that the corrected and/or formal s filed herewith be entered in the above-referenced application.

Respectfully submitted,

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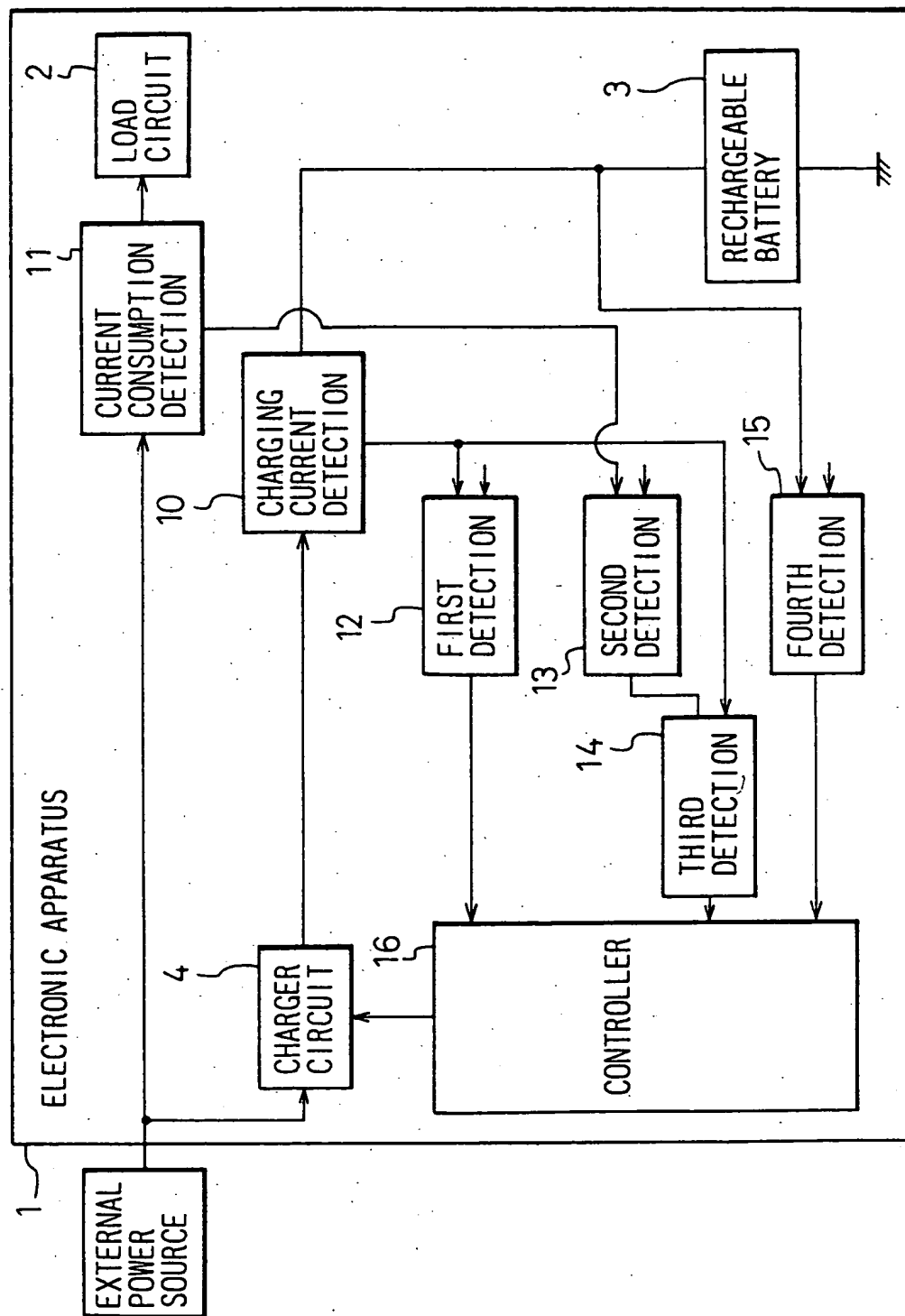


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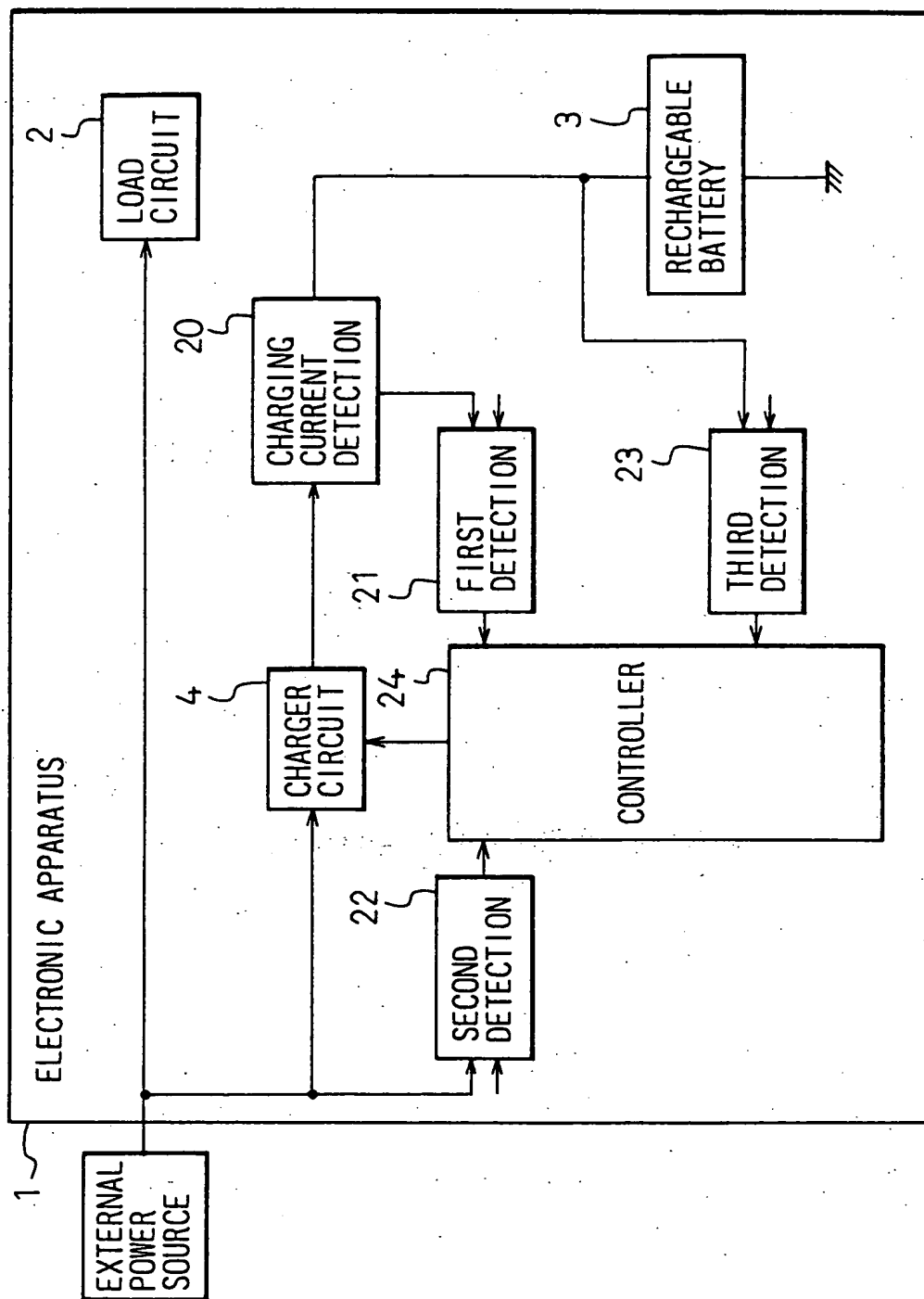


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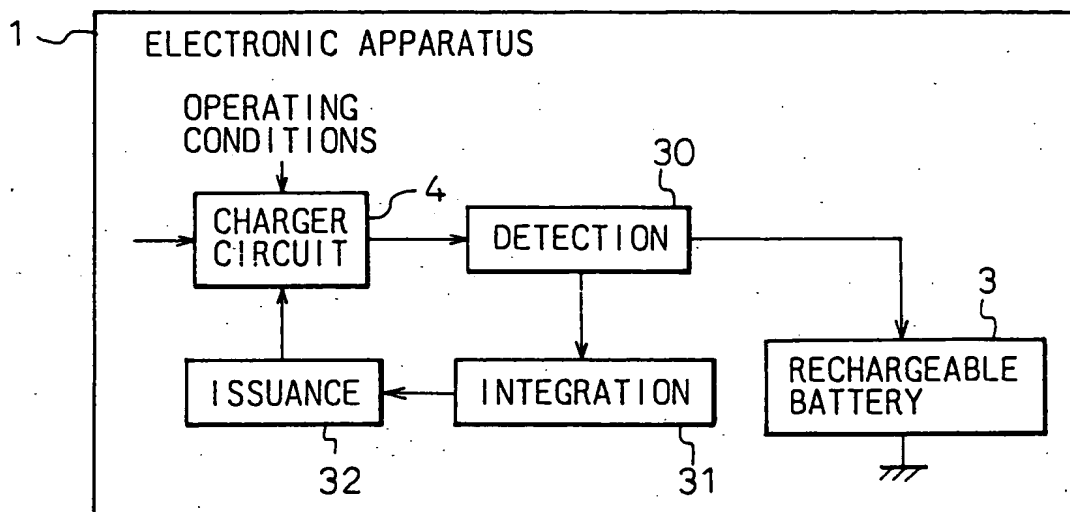


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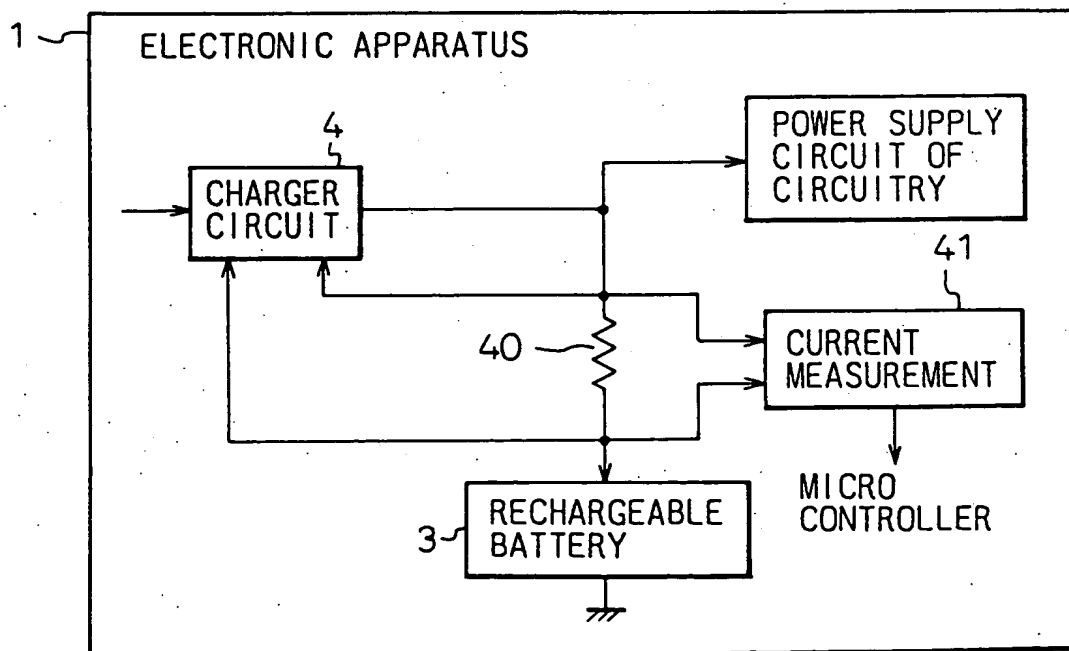


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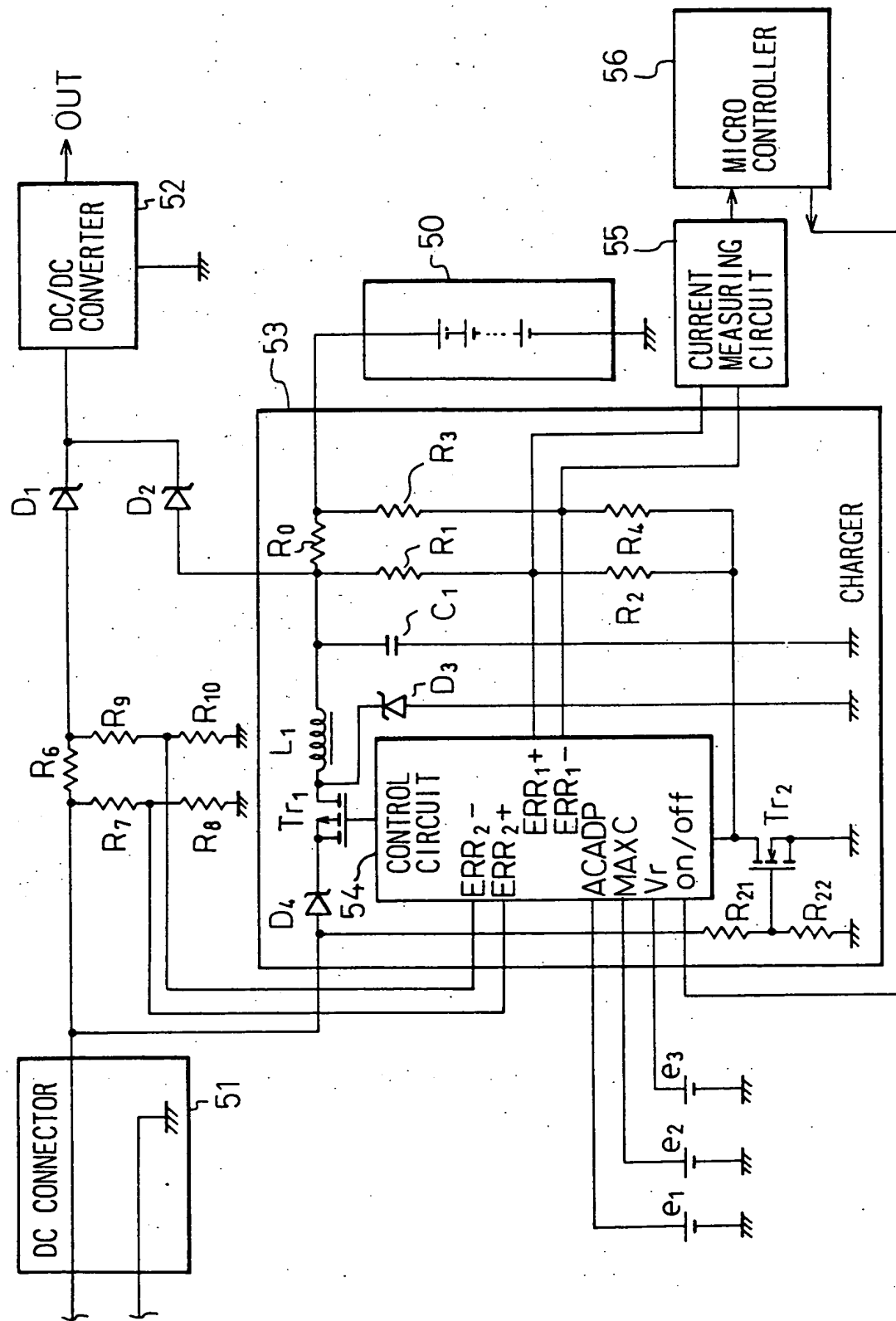


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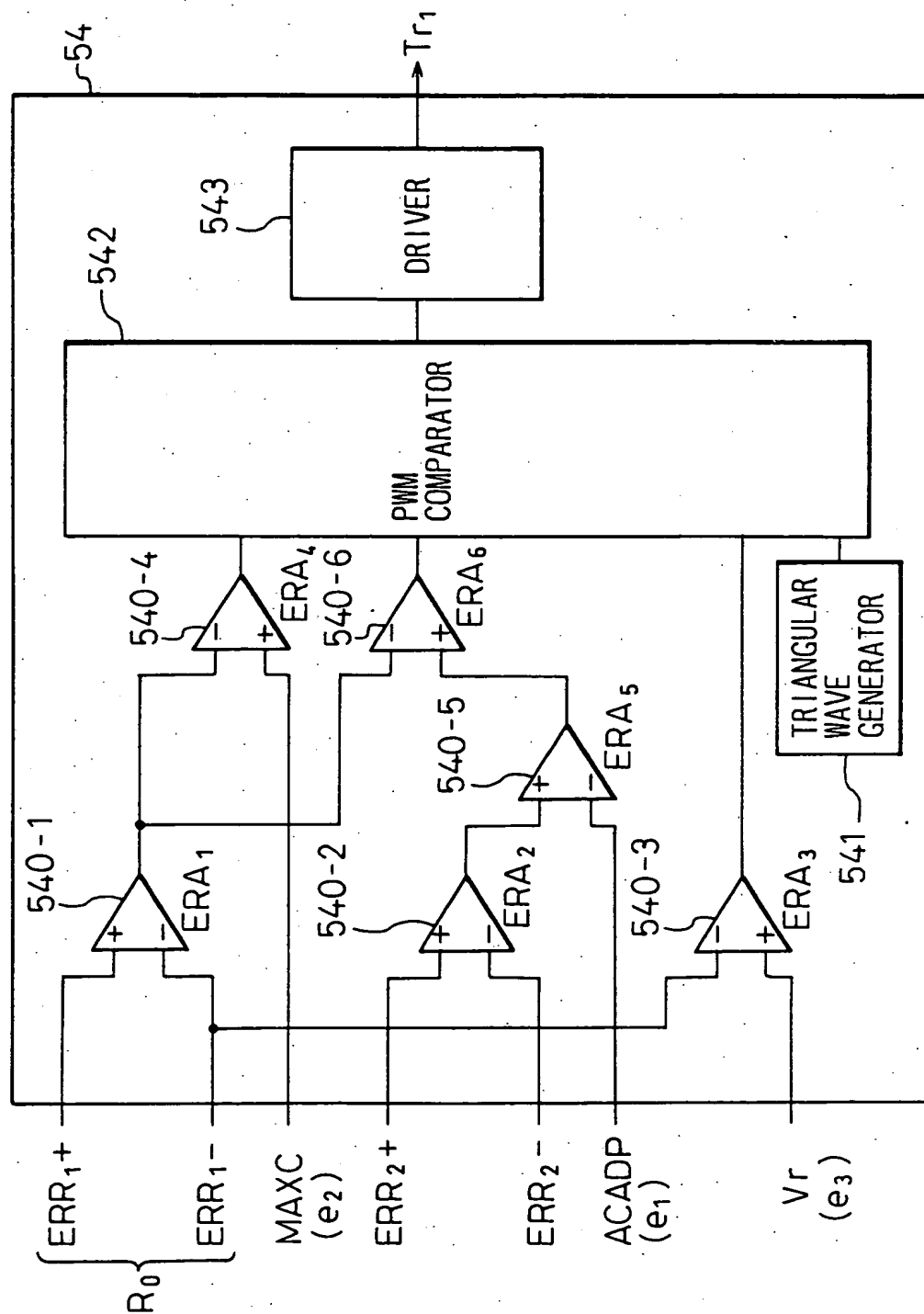


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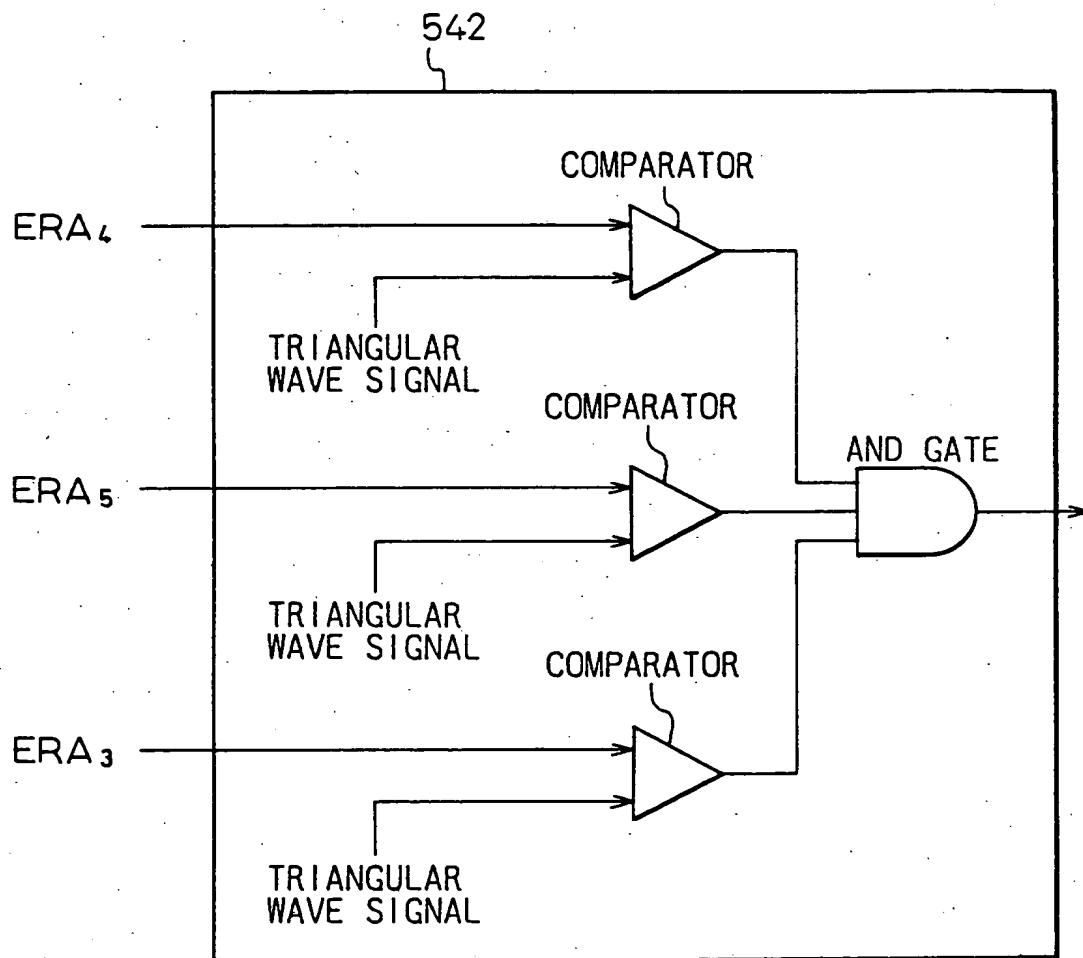


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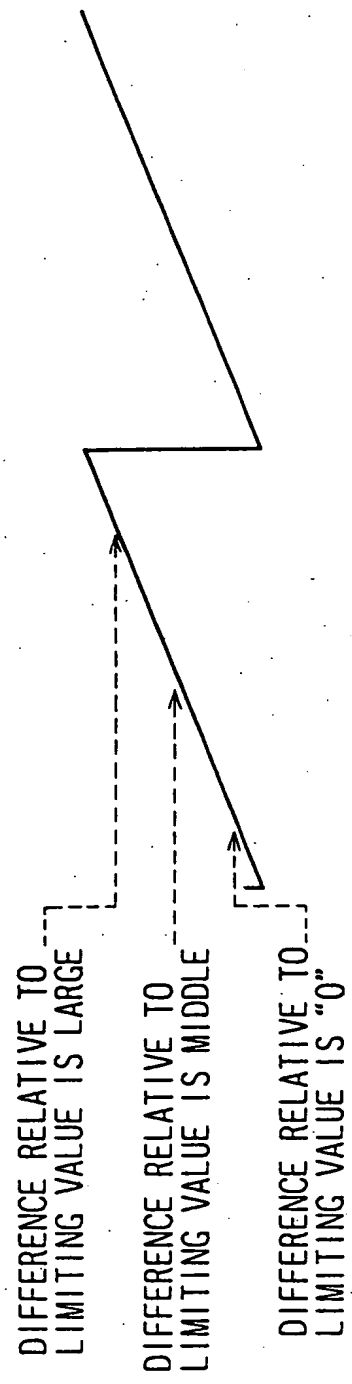


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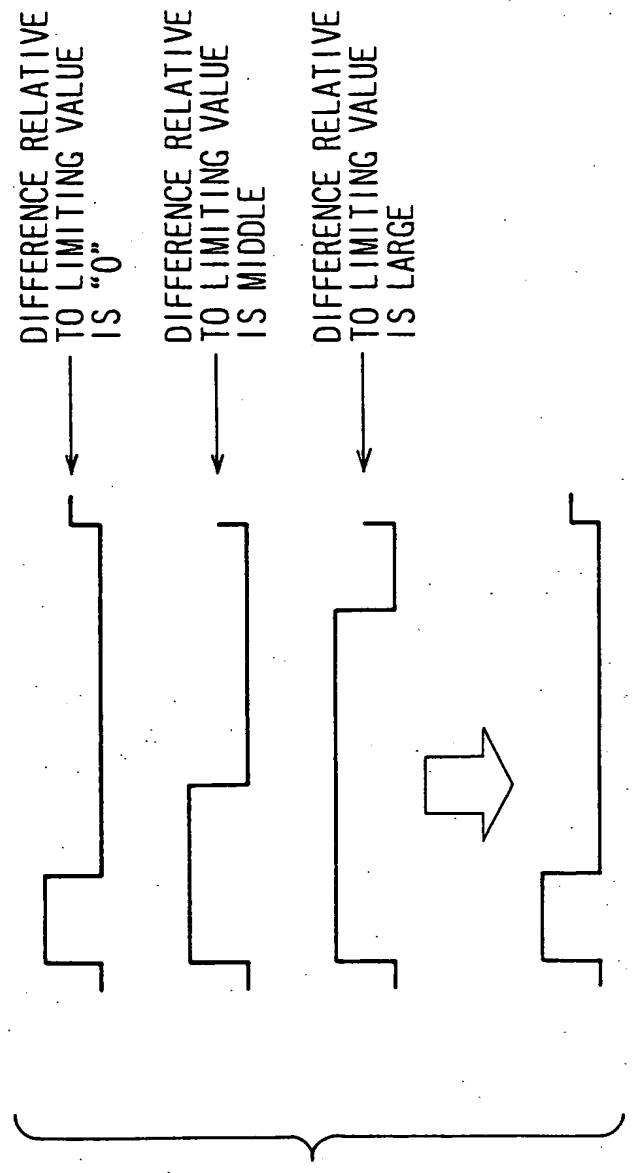


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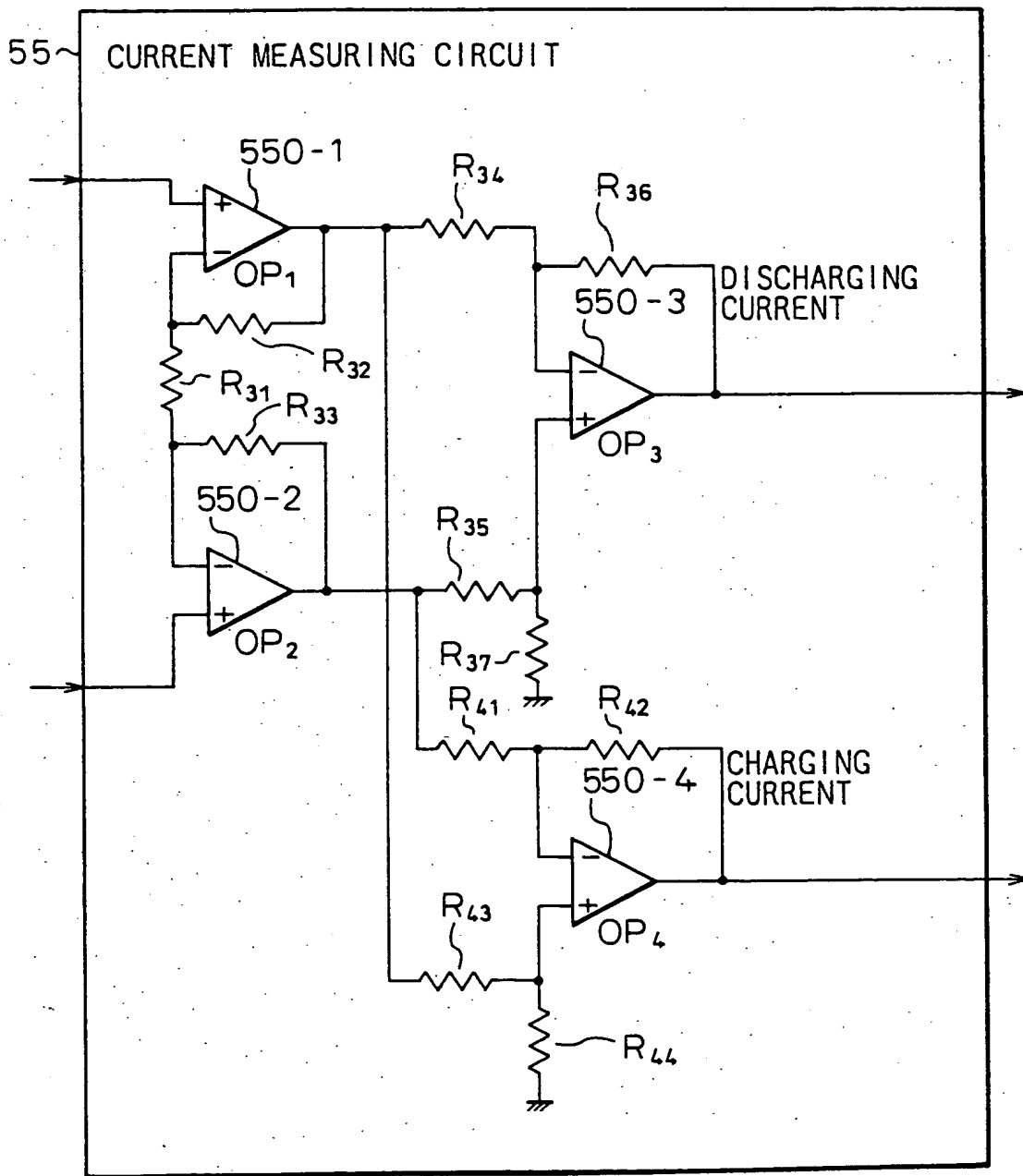


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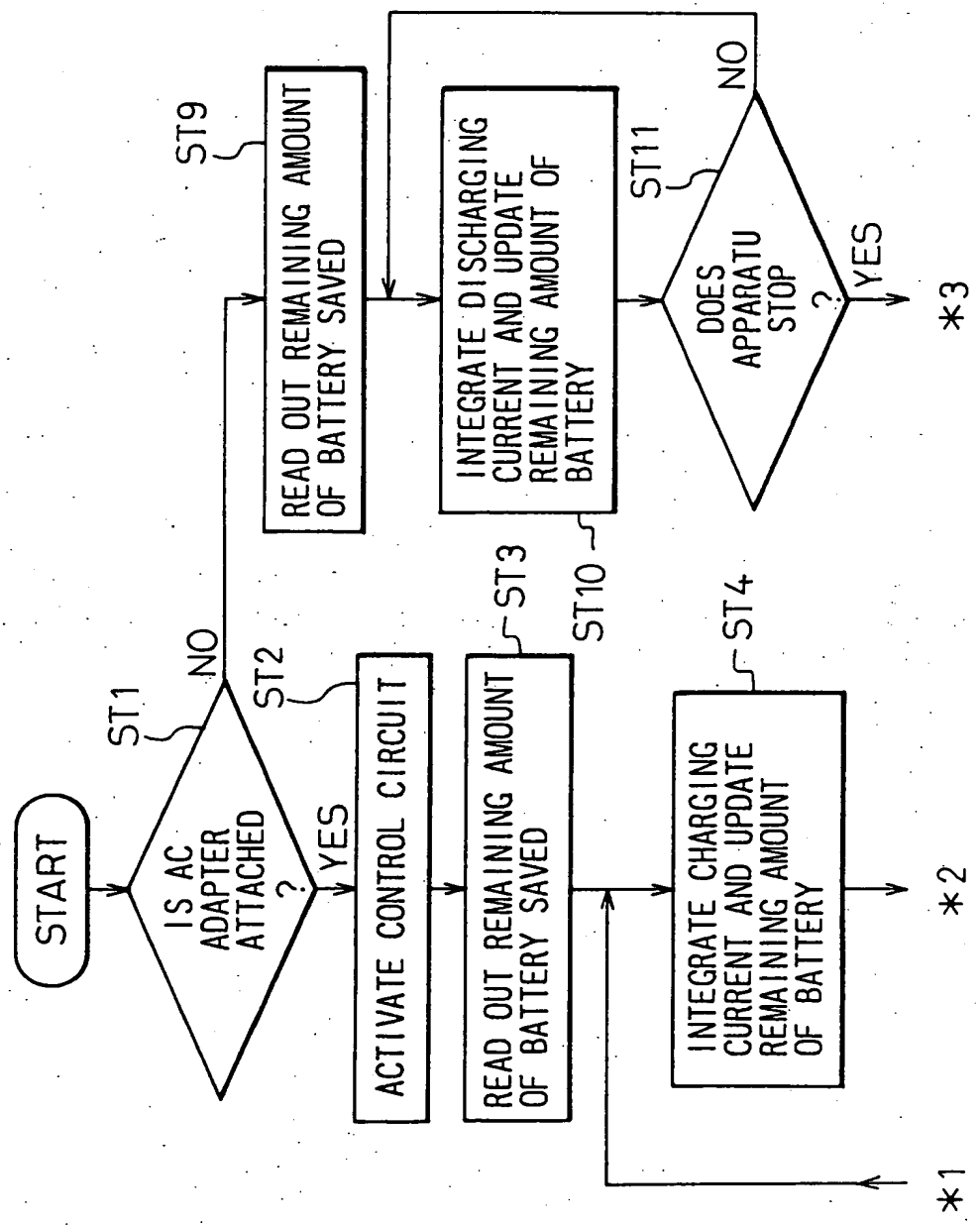


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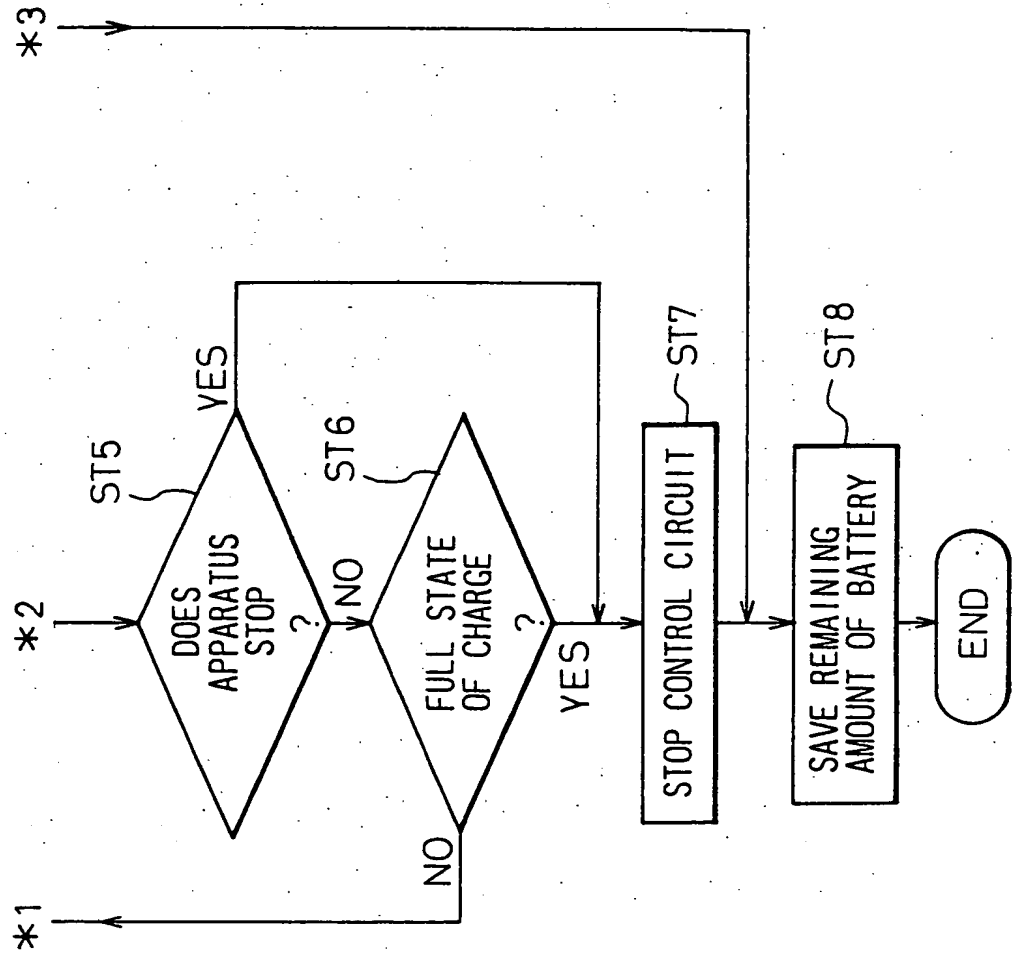


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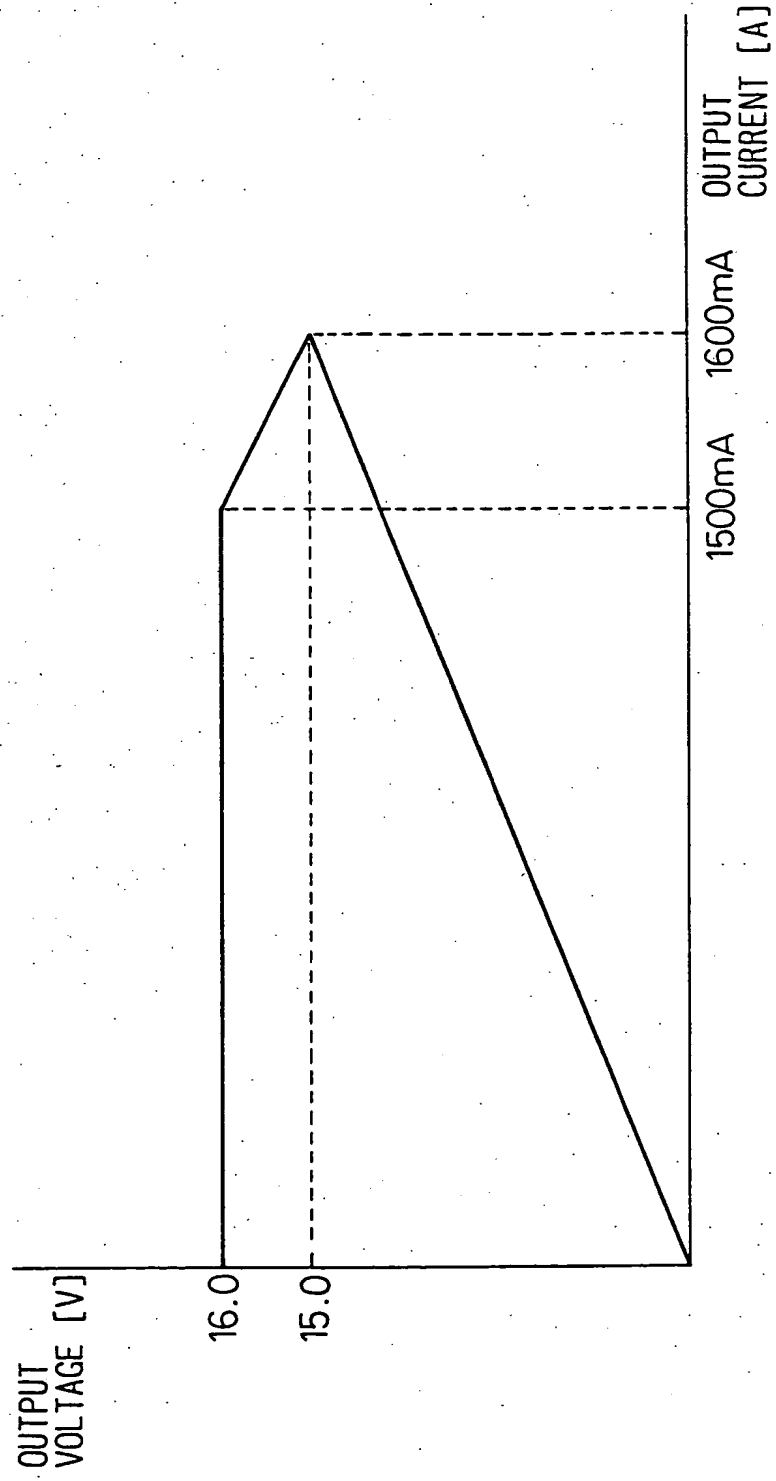


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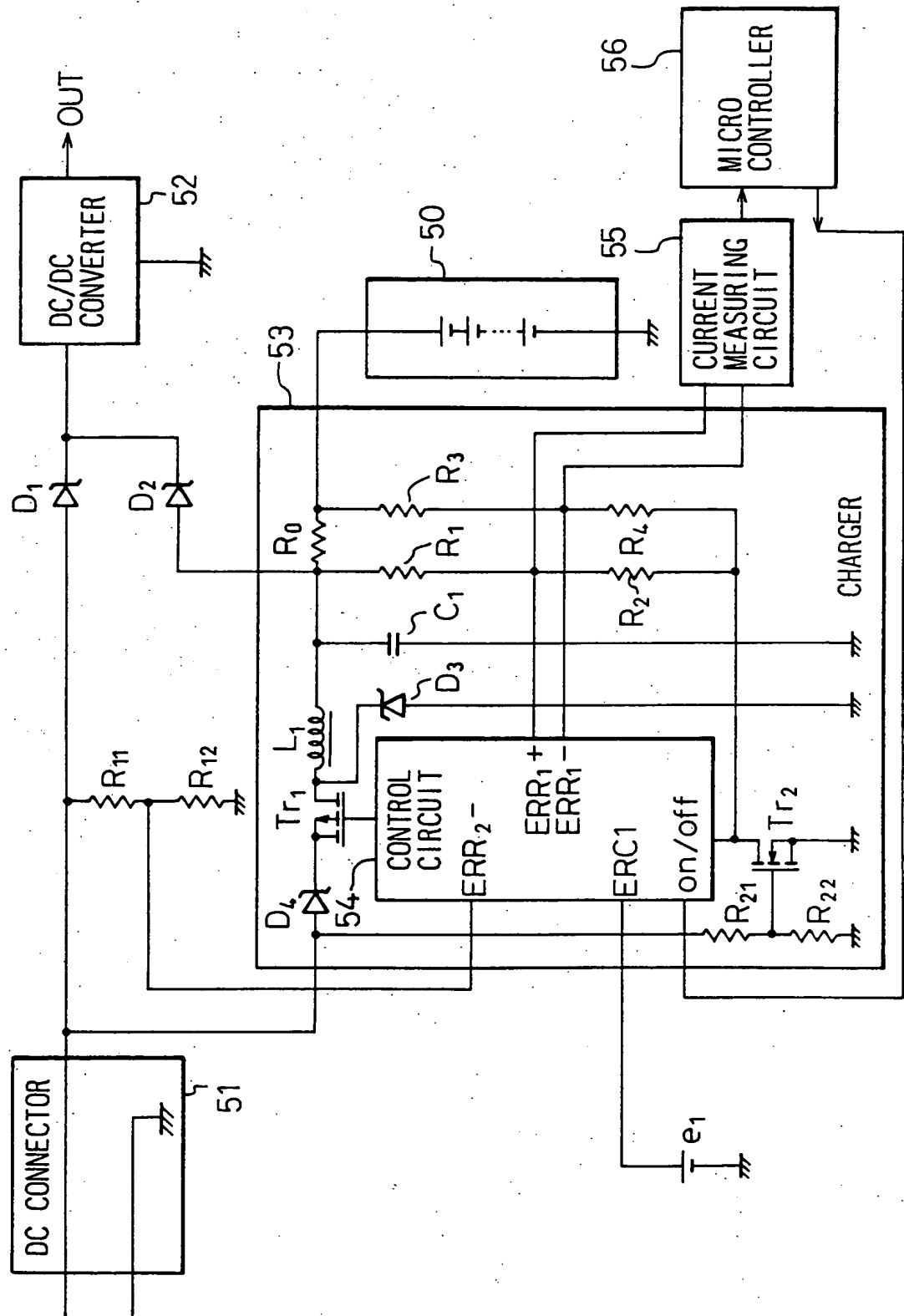


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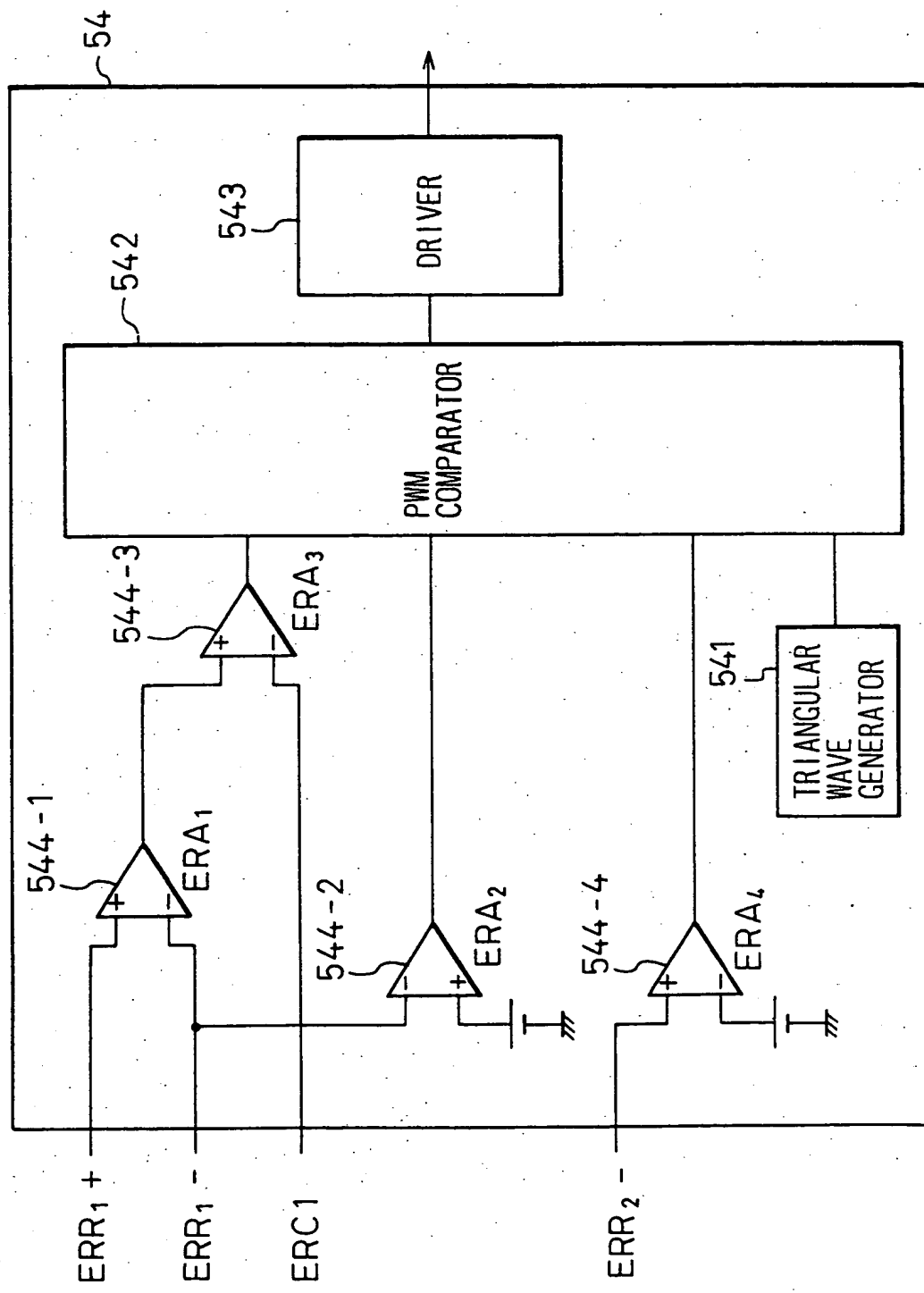


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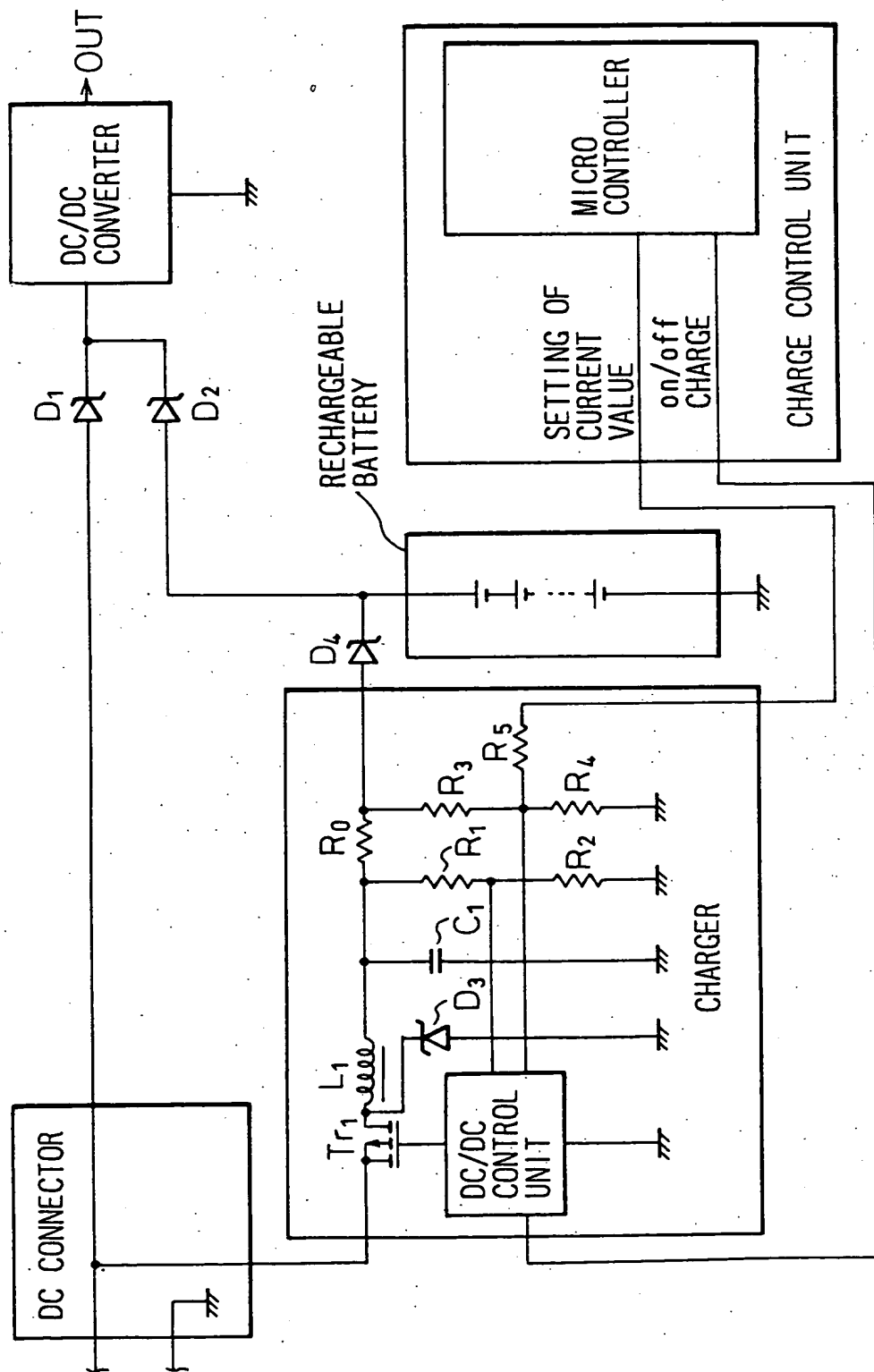


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